

# THE KERALA GOVERNMENT LAND ASSIGNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

*(As Passed by the Assembly)*

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*further to amend the Kerala Government Land Assignment Act, 1960.*

*Preamble.*—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala Government Land Assignment Act, 1960 (30 of 1960), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Seventy-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Kerala Government Land Assignment (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Insertion of new section 4A after section 4.*—After section 4 of the Kerala Government Land Assignment Act, 1960 (30 of 1960) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“4A. *Usage of assigned land for any other purposes.*—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or in any other law or rules, order, judgment or decree of any Court for the time being in force, it shall be competent for the Government to regularize any contraventions of the conditions attached to the patta and that of the rules, made under this Act which are in force, on the date of the commencement of the Kerala Government Land Assignment (Amendment) Act, 2023 (... of 2023), in the manner as may be prescribed.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or in any other law or rules, order, judgment or decree of any Court for the time being in force, it shall be competent for the Government, if satisfied, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, to permit an assignee who holds the assigned land as on the date of commencement of the Kerala Government Land Assignment (Amendment)

Act, 2023 (... of 2023) to use the land assigned under this Act and the rules made thereunder, for the purposes other than for which the land was assigned, on such terms and conditions, as may be prescribed.”.

3. *Amendment of section 7.*—In section 7 of the principal Act, after item (o) of sub-section (1), the following items shall be inserted, namely:—

“(oa) prescribing the procedure to be followed in regularizing any contraventions of the conditions attached to the patta and any of the rules made under this Act ;

(ob) prescribing the procedure to be followed in permitting the use of land assigned under this Act and the rules made thereunder for the purposes other than for which the land was originally assigned ;”.

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